[Mr. A. N. Satyanesan.]

(a) whether it has come to their notice that the Government of India is starting a Fishery Training Centre at Madras; and

(b) whether they propose to send candidates from Travancore for training at that centre?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* Yes.

(b) No.

Fisheries.

47. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(a) their aim in having constituted Fisheries into an independent department;

(b) whether they intend to conduct any survey of the State's Fisheries;

(c) whether they have granted permission for the flotation of any Company for operating in Fisheries in the State and in Coastal waters; and

(d) if the answer to *(c)* is in the affirmative, the interests and powers they will have in the concern?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* To separate the administrative side of the Fisheries Department from research work which is a normal and legitimate function of the University.

(b) Yes.

(c) Permission has been granted to two companies *viz.*, The West Coast Fisheries (Travancore) Ltd. and the Malayalam Fisheries. The main object of these companies is to carry on deep sea fishing.

(d) Government have no financial interest in the Malayalam Fisheries. They have agreed to contribute 20 per cent. of the share capital of the West Coast Fisheries Ltd. They have two Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company. In respect of both companies they have all the powers available to them under the Travancore Companies Act.

Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

48. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the majority of the officers of the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., who are drawing Rs. 100 and above as salary are non-Travancorean Brahmins?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Government have no information.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether Government will make enquiries and find out the information asked for?

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